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Second Annual 'Battle in the Burbs' Charity Event Raises Thousands for Special Olympics Illinois

Officials and residents of Chicago's southwest suburbs came together Sunday, July 20th, to play in and support a softball game fundraiser at Crestwood's Standard Bank Stadium. They raised an estimated \$10,000 for Special Olympics Illinois.

Mayors, Village Presidents and other elected officials from more than a dozen area municipalities took on police and fire chiefs in a seven-inning, 16-inch softball game while Cook County judges called the game as umpires. For the second year in a row, the final score showed a blowout by the Chiefs who bested their bosses by a score of 19-8.



Police and fire chiefs in red and blue "Gunsmoke" shirts played mayors and elected officials in white "Big Hitters" shirts in a softball game fundraiser for Special Olympics Illinois umpired by judges on July 20th.

While this was the second year in a row that the generally younger and more physically fit Chiefs trounced the Mayors, it was all taken in good spirit by the elected officials who set an example that epitomizes the spirit of the Special Olympians. Sporting events and contests are not just about winning or losing and they are not solely reserved for the youngest or strongest among us to participate in. Just like the Special Olympians they support, every official brought their best game to the field and put their hearts into every inning, wowing the crowd with some great plays and long hit balls.

The second annual "Battle in the Burbs" was supported by hundreds of people and dozens of organizations. Special Olympics athlete and ambassador Nick Lorenz spoke before the game along with Crestwood Police Detective Sergeant Chris Soderlund. WLS radio personality Dick Biondi was on hand to introduce players and the 86-year-old DJ even managed to take the time to climb to the top of a fully extended Crestwood Fire Department ladder truck before the game, thrilling the crowd of more than 800 spectators. VFW Post 2580 of Midlothian and American Legion 691 presented the Colors as the Mother McAuley High School's a cappella singers and Erin Cunnea sang the national anthem. The game took several between-inning breaks to allow fans to come on to the field and

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An Invitation to a Crestwood Town Hall Meeting

Mayor Lou Presta invites all Crestwood residents to attend a town hall
meeting to be held on **August 19th** at 6 pm at the Crestwood Civic
Center, 14025 South Kostner Ave.

This town hall meeting will provide an opportunity for every reside and business owner of Crestwood to ask questions and make state ments. Due to the number of items to be discussed, an additional

This town hall meeting will consist of questions and answers on several key initiatives and issues pertaining to or impacting the Village of Crestwood, including:

- Applications received to license and permit establishment of a Sexually Oriented Business in Crestwood
- The proposed new Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) District at Cicero and Cal Sag Road that will convert a current zero-based tax area into a new commercial development that will produce new tax revenue for local schools, the Crestwood library and the Village
- A discussion of establishing Home Rule for the Village of Crestwood that would produce increased revenues for the Village through sales and gasoline taxes not currently being collected on behalf of the Village

This town hall meeting will provide an opportunity for every resident and business owner of Crestwood to ask questions and make statements. Due to the number of items to be discussed, an additional hour has been added to this meeting. Because attendance at this meeting is anticipated to be strong, we request that each resident or business owner desiring to speak practice beforehand so as to frame their statement and/or question into a three minute time period.

PLEASE JOIN Mayor Lou Presta and your Board of Trustees for this important and informative meeting. This is your opportunity to express your opinions and ask questions of your elected officials. Much has been done to move Crestwood forward but we have more ahead that must be addressed. Please take this opportunity to understand firsthand the issues and the direction your elected officials seek to take in order to continue the forward progress we are all experiencing here in Crestwood.



Village Hall

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Be sure to visit the Village website at: www.Villageofcrestwoodil.gov

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Letter from Mayor regarding Board Meeting

Dear Friends and Neighbors

The Village's Committee of the Whole Board Meeting usually meets at Village Hall. Because of interest expressed in several initiatives the board is considering, including our receiving a business application for development of an adult club, I have called for a full Town Hall Meeting to take place on August 19th, prior to our regularly scheduled full board meeting. In anticipation of a larger than normal gathering of citizens wanting to attend this special meeting, we have moved the location where it shall be held to our much larger Civic Center, 14025 S. Kostner Avenue.

The Town Hall Meeting will be held from 6pm to 7pm. Discussion topics will be limited to the proposed Club, new TIF development and Home Rule questions. Immediately following this hour of discussion, the Village Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 7pm. To hear as many statements and questions as possible, we will allow just a few minutes for each question. I promise you that every question asked will receive an answer. If I do not have an answer for you

immediately, I promise to find the right answer and get back to you as soon as possible.

I plan on inviting the proposed owner of the adult club to discuss his plans and inform everyone of how he feels it could possibly better our community. Most of you already know my stance and that of my board members. While we may oppose this development, it is our duty to protect this village in a manner that maintains compliance with both state and federal law. I caution everyone planning to attend to remain respectful of the opinions others may have. Our Planning and Zoning Committee will also address concerns expressed by participants and express any concerns they may have as well.

I look forward to you joining your neighbors and elected officials for an important meeting.

Respectfully yours,

Mayor Presta

Village Meeting Schedule

Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 14025 Kostner Ave | August 21st

Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

Crestwood Civic Center | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | August 19th

Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:00pm-10:00pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | August 11th and 25th

Recreation Commission - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Village Hall | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | August 19th

Crestwood Community Day at Standard Bank Stadium

Bring the whole family for a great, free day out at our own ballpark!! The Windy City Thunderbolts will play the Frontier Greys on **Sunday, August** 17th at 5pm at Crestwood's Standard Bank Stadium. Kids will get to run the bases and get autographs of players. Feel the patriotism from the start with Crestwood's own Erin Cunnea belting out our national anthem. We will finish with a bang-up fireworks show and some nice surprises in giveaways through the game night. There are still tickets available at the Village Hall!



National Night Out Against Crime

The Crestwood Police Department is holding its 4th annual "National Night Out Against Crime" on Tuesday, August 5th from 6:00-9:00 pm.

This year's event will be held at Walker Park and promises to be our biggest ever.

Although we are still in the planning stages, here is a glimpse of what to expect:

Free Food and Drinks **Snow Cones Music by Southside Music** Solutions **K-9 Demonstrations**

Crime Prevention Tips Bounce House School Supply Giveaway and much more!!!!

Save the date and be sure to come out. Take some time to meet your neighbors and your local police officers.

Thinking of Having a Garage Sale?



It's that time of year! Before you set your date, come visit us at the Village Hall and get your permit. You can find an application sample under Building & Zoning Department on the village website. You must come into the Village Hall to obtain an actual permit and pay the appropriate fee.

Crestwood Garage Sale Days will be:

August 22 – 23. On these specific dates you still MUST have a permit but your **fee is WAIVED**!

Back to School Health Fair on August 8th Event features free food, drinks, and school supplies

Numerous medical facilities and government agencies will join District 218 on Friday, August 8th, in hosting a Back to School Health Fair at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island.

The event, which will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature a limited number of free school physicals, dental exams, and vision screenings. Other services include reducedcost school physicals for \$40; immunizations for \$10; and comprehensive eye exams for \$40. Parents must accompany their children in order for them to receive health care services, and they must bring their children's immunization records to the fair in order to obtain immunizations. The event also includes free vision screenings and free health screenings for blood pressure, bone density, and blood glucose. MetroSouth Medical Center, Advocate Christ Medical Center, Complete Vision Care, the St. Xavier University

Health Center, and Orland Park Dental are among the many health care facilities providing services.

The fair also includes free food, drinks and school supplies. For young children, the fair will feature free games, a bounce house, clowns, and face painting.

Eisenhower is located at 12700 S. Sacramento in Blue Island. District 218 will provide free bus service to and from the fair. Buses will depart the health fair for the return trip at 2 p.m. See sidebar bus stops locations and times.

Route 1

Calumet Park Village Hall (10:10, 2:20)

Calumet Park Public Library (10:15, 2:15)

St. Isidore Church/Blue Island (10:20, 2:15)

St. Donatus Church/Blue Island (10:25, 2:15)

Route 2

Lincoln School/Blue Island (10:10, 1:45)

Keller Middle School/Robbins (10:15, 1:50)

Delta Learning Center/Robbins (10:20, 2:00)

> Turner School/Robbins (10:25, 2:05)

Route 3

Revere Primary School/Blue Island (10:10, 2:05)

Kerr Middle School/Blue Island (10:20, 2:10)

Memorial Park/Blue Island (10:25, 2:15)

VILLAGE PARKING NOTICE

Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on ANY village street between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigations. This ordinance also ensures that all streets throughout the Village will be open to fire and rescue equipment in the event of an overnight emergency. This is especially necessary in areas where narrow streets can block large fire trucks. We will continue to enforce this ordinance. Thank You for your cooperation with this ordinance. The initial fine for this violation is \$75.00. This is a Village-wide ordinance.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR LATE NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS ARE MADE **AWARE OF THIS AS WELL!**



Construction is began in July at the Illinois Army National Guard's Crestwood armory parking lot, 13838 S. Springfield Ave. in Robbins. The \$1.5 million project will upgrade and rehabilitate the current parking lot. Construction includes drainage improvements, onsite stormwater management and improvements to the current loading ramp. It will also include new lighting,

Parking Lot Improvements Underway at Crestwood Armory

paved concrete areas and an additional gravel lot for parking. The project will last four to six months. Throughout the project, military vehicles will park at the Oak Forest Health Center in parking spots leased by Cook County. Additional construction at the Crestwood armory includes improvements to the Field Maintenance Shop's driveway approaches. A future construction project will include interior improvements to the armory.

The Crestwood armory is home to multiple Illinois Army National Guard units including Company B, 405th Brigade Support Battalion; Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery Regiment; Company G, 634th Brigade Support Battalion; Company F, Recruit Sustainment Program; 1744th Transportation Company; 108th Signal Company and Joint Force Headquarters Medical Detachment.

Visit the Illinois National Guard's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ illinoisnationalguard.

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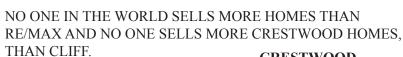
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Howard Stephens, CFO

A note of thanks from Fire Chief Stephens of Mokena

Crestwood Fire Chief Bruce recently received notice of appreciation to thank the Village residents and the police and fire departments

when fallen Private First Class Aaron Toppen was brought home on June 21st. Chief Stephens states, "Your show of support during this time is indicative of how we all come together to offer our support in the face of tragedy", Crestwood's involvement in the magnanimous welcome home was witnessed and shared with the Toppen family. The procession began at Midway and proceeded down Cicero and out to Mokena, a great salute to those making the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and liberties.

Call JULIE at 811 Before You Dig

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? Wait! Here's what you need to know first. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling JULIE at 811 before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call - even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The goal of the "call 811" initiative is to reduce the risk of striking underground utility lines and potentially causing environmental or property damage, costly delays or personal injury. This is a free service and calling 811 before digging is the law.

Call JULIE at 811 at least 48 hours or two business days prior to digging. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing and your affected local utility companies will be notified about your intent to dig. Within that 48 hours or two business days, they'll send a locator to mark the approximate location of your underground lines, pipes and cables so you'll know what's below - and be able to dig safely.



Know what's **below**. **Call** before you dig.

Fundraiser for Shepard Cheer Program

The Shepard junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders will host a fundraiser at the Windy City Thunderbolts' game on Tuesday, August 12th. The cheerleaders will perform on the field about a half hour before the game, which begins at 7:05 p.m. For the cheerleading fundraiser, you will need to pre-buy your tickets. Please send a message to Terri Makenas or call (708) 297-1764 to purchase tickets.

Last year ranked with the most successful in Shepard history. Shepard's varsity cheerleaders placed second in the co-ed division at the IHSA Invitational in Springfield. Alex Joiner and Ashley Buksa were selected for the all-state team and cheered at the all-state basketball games at Illinois Wesleyan University in June. Ashley placed second among the state scholarship finalists and earned the second highest financial award of \$3,000 to the college of her choice. Finally, five of the senior cheerleaders were honored as state scholar-athletes. Criteria include a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students who earned this prestigious honor were Ashley Buksa, Becca Bruesch, Melissa Kelly, Alexandra Joiner and Jackie O'Leary.



We Watch, We Call!

Thefts

06-07-2014: Seven catalytic converters were removed from vehicles that were parked in the lot in the 4400 block of 135th Street.

06-11-2014: Three catalytic converters were removed from vehicles in the 134th block of Kolmar.

06-14-2014: Unknown subjects broke the window of a vehicle and removed a wallet from the center console that was parked at the Crestwood OTB.

06-24-2014: Unknown subjects attempted to steal the catalytic converter off of a 2006 Honda in the 135th block of Le Claire Avenue.

06-25-2014: Video surveillance cameras observed a customer steal an iPhone while at Firehouse Tattoo and

06-27-2014: A catalytic converter was removed from a 2003 Pontiac Grand Prix in the 138th block of Springfield Avenue.

06-30-2014: An elderly female reported that her purse was stolen from her shopping cart while in the Walmart store.

Retail Thefts

06-19-2014: A subject that was on electronic home monitoring attempted to steal \$299.00 worth of merchandise from Best Buy before being arrested. Since the subject has a prior conviction for retail theft, he was charged with felony retail theft and held for bond hearing.

06-21-2014: A female was arrested at Burlington Coat Factory and charged with retail theft after attempting to steal \$98.00 worth of merchandise.

06-27-2014: A male was arrested at Menard's for attempting to steal \$196.00 worth of red oak flooring.

06-27-2014: A female was arrested at Kohl's for stealing \$160.00 worth of merchandise.

12 people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of June.

Armed Robbery/ Burglary

06-06-2014: A male black subject broke into the Shell

Gas Station at 138th/Pulaski by breaking the front door **Criminal Damage to Property** glass. The subject then fled the scene with several packs

06-23-2014: Three unknown subjects entered Hollywood Park by breaking the glass in the main door. Once inside, the subjects broke into the ATM machine and an unknown amount of cash was taken.

Deceptive Practice/Suspicious <u>Circumstances</u>

06-04-2014: A resident reported that unknown subjects gained access to his bank account through an ATM card. Several unauthorized withdrawals were made totaling over \$1,800.00.

06-09-2014: A resident received a phone call by someone claiming to be with the fraud department of Midwest Bank. The caller advised the victim that his bank account had been compromised. The caller then asked the victim for all of his banking account information. After the victim gave the caller the banking information, he was advised that he would have to go to his bank at a later date.

NEVER GIVE OUT ANY INFORMATION TO ANYONE THAT CONTACTS YOU VIA TELEPHONE.

06-12-2014: A resident received a phone call advising her that she had won \$250,000.00 from a coupon she filled out in a store. The caller advised the victim that she would have to pay the taxes on the money before her winnings were sent out in a check. The victim was advised to send the funds using Western Union. The victim then sent two money transfers for over \$1,200.00 to Panama. The victim has yet to receive any winnings. IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE - IT

06-20-2014: An elderly resident received a phone call from someone claiming to be her grandson who claimed he was in jail and needed money to be released. The victim then withdrew money from her account and sent two money grams for over \$1,300.00 to the Dominican Republic. The next morning the elderly resident received another phone call from a subject advising that her grandson had been released but had been detained at the airport. The caller requested more money. The elderly resident then proceeded to withdraw more money from her account and sent two more checks totaling \$2,500.00 again to the Dominican Republic.

06-28-2014: Unknown subjects attempted to force open the door of the concession stand at Caesar Park.

No License/Suspended Driver Arrest

06-01-2104: Officers responded to a report of an accident at Midlothian Turnpike and Laramie Avenue. Officers discovered an accident had occurred, an utility pole had been struck and that the offending vehicle had fled the scene. Officers located the offending vehicle and the female driver was arrested. The driver was issued citations for leaving the scene of an accident and damage to village property.

06-06-2014: A male driver was arrested and charged with speeding and driving with a suspended license in the 4500 block of Cal-Sag Road.

06-07-2014: A male was arrested for driving without a license after being involved in an accident in the 140th block of Cicero Avenue.

06-09-2014: A female was arrested for driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 132nd block of Cicero Avenue.

06-29-2014: A male was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving while under the influence of alcohol in the 140th block of Pulaski Road.

06-29-2014: A female was arrested and charged with improper lighting, driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle in the 135th block of Cicero Avenue.

Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month's reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. We look forward to capturing a more detailed overview for our website in the near future. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned-in to your neighbors' well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).

Crestwood Police Department Rescues Ducklings

PROBABLY IS!

Michael Haak, Officer Matt McGeever, and Community Service Officer Sharon Stepek answered a rescue call - of ducklings - on July 9.

Seven ducklings had fallen through a storm drain near Rivercrest Mall. Upon the officers' arrival, they quickly rescued the ducklings. Haak opened the drain cover, and McGeever immediately removed his gear and started to remove the ducklings. The mother duck waited patiently for her ducklings to be rescued. With the assistance of Thomas Struzenberg from the Crestwood Water Department, all seven ducklings were rescued and reunited with their mother.







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YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE FALL 2014 SEASON





VOLUNTEER COACHES ARE NEEDED

For more information, please call Joe Sadowski, Director of Recreation at (708) 371-4810

Boys and GirlsYouth Basketball League (4 Years Old thru 2nd Grade)

Everybody plays, everybody wins in the Crestwood Recreation Basketball League. Smaller balls and lower goal height will be used to give the players an opportunity to make more shots and build self confidence. No score is kept for the younger division so there is no pressure to win, just to have fun. Players will learn passing, shooting, dribbling and game play through 3 practices and 5 games on Saturdays. No games November 29.

Teams are divided:

4 yrs - Kindergarten (boys and girls)

1st and 2nd Grade (boys and girls)

Days: Saturdays

(A coach will contact you regarding times)

Dates: October 18—December 13

Fees: \$63 Residents / \$68 Non-Residents

(Includes a team shirt & a medal/trophy)

Code: 120013-A.....4 yrs - Kindergarten

120013-B.....1st and 2nd Grade

(Registration deadline—Wed, Sept 10)

Boys and Girls Youth Basketball League (3rd and 4th Grade)

Everybody plays, everybody wins in the Crestwood Recreation Basketball League. The 3rd and 4th grade division will play on regulation height rims and use a junior size ball. Score is kept on our electric scoreboard. Players will learn passing, shooting, dribbling and game play through **8 practices** and **5 games** on Saturdays. Four (4) practices will be scheduled during the week by the coach once games begin. **No games November 29.**

Days: Saturdays

(A coach will contact you regarding times)

Dates: October 18—December 13

Fees: \$73 Residents / \$78 Non-Residents

(Includes a team shirt & a trophy)

Code: 120013-C....3rd and 4th Grade

(Registration deadline—Wed, Sept 10)

Register Now!

Registration Deadline Wednesday, September 10, 2014

CRESTWOOD RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER

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Fitness Center Hours

Monday—Thursday 5:30 AM—10:00 PM

Friday

5:30 AM—8:00 PM

Saturday—Sunday 7:00 AM—5:00 PM

Pool Hours

Monday—Thursday 5:30 AM—9:00 PM

Friday

5:30 AM—7:00 PM

Saturday—Sunday 7:15 AM—4:00 PM

ALL INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older

Membership privileges include access to the indoor pool (lap, open, family swims, water fitness classes), whirlpool, fitness center, group exercise classes, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwoo	d Residents	Non—Residents			
<u>Individual</u>		<u>Individual</u>			
Annual	\$280	Annual	\$360		
6 months	\$190	6 months	\$255		
Monthly	\$33	Monthly	\$45		
Seniors (65+)		<u>Seniors</u> (65+)			
Annual	\$195	Annual	\$245		
6 months	\$175	6 months	\$235		
Monthly	\$33	Monthly	\$45		

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FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older

Membership privileges include access to the fitness center, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwoo	d Residents	Non—Residents		
<u>Individual</u>		<u>Individual</u>	_	
Annual	\$200	Annual	\$280	
6 months	\$115	6 months	\$190	
Monthly	\$20	Monthly	\$33	
Seniors (65+)		Seniors (65+)		
Annual	\$145	Annual	\$195	
6 months	\$115	6 months	\$190	
Monthly	\$20	Monthly	\$33	

AQUATIC MEMBERSHIPS

16 years of age and older

Membership privileges include access to the indoor pool (lap, open, family swims), whirlpool, indoor track, sport courts and locker room.

Crestwoo	d Residents	Non—Residents			
<u>Individual</u>	_	<u>Individual</u>	<u>[</u>		
Annual	\$190	Annual	\$265		
6 months	\$115	6 months	\$190		
Monthly	\$20	Monthly	\$33		
Seniors (65+)		Seniors (65+)			
Annual	\$125	Annual	\$175		
6 months	\$95	6 months	\$160		
Monthly	\$20	Monthly	\$33		



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Fees Per Session: \$38.00 Resident / \$43.00 Non-Resident

FALL 2014 FITNESS YOGA

Mondays
September 8 — October 13

(6 week class) **Times:**

6:00 to 7:00 PM or 7:15 to 8:15 PM

(Code # 331800-A)

(Code# 331800-B)

This class focuses on breathing, strength, balance and flexibility by incorporating these elements into yoga poses.

Great for beginners and experienced yogis!Please wear comfortable

clothing and bring a yoga sticky mat to class.

Instructor: Carolyn Esquivel,
YogaFit Level 1 & 2 and NPTI certified



District 130 Board Approves Dr. Tina Halliman as New Superintendent



Dr. Tina Halliman

Following unanimous approval by the Cook County School District 130 Board of Education at a special meeting on May 5th, Tina L. Halliman, Ed.D. has been hired as the new Superintendent, effective May 26th. Dr. Halliman was presented with a three-year contract. She fills the position following Dr. Raymond Lauk, who has led the District since July 2009. She returns to District 130 after serving in multiple capacities as an employee, but is also a former resident of Blue Island and former District 130 student.

"After a lengthy and thorough search for a new Superintendent for District 130, it is with great pleasure the Board of Education and District 130 staff welcomes Dr. Tina Halliman," said Board President Steven Cheversia. "Dr. Halliman started as a student and moved up as an employee and has covered various spectrums in our District. She possesses an understanding of our mission, which gives her a good foundation to fulfill both her and the District's vision which will benefit the children of all of our communities."

The Board selected Dr. Halliman after interviewing a number of highly qualified applicants for the position. The Illinois Association of School Boards also assisted the Board with the evaluation of candidates and the overall search process. The process included an online survey and a committee of district staff, board members and community members who participated in the interview process.

An administrator in Illinois since 2006, Dr. Halliman has held several educational leadership positions. Most recently, she served as the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services and State Director of Special Education at Oak Park River Forest High School where her primary responsibilities included providing leadership and guidance to the Special Education Department and the Health Services Department. She also served in leadership capacities throughout the district in a variety of areas such as curriculum, assessment, finance, and performance evaluations. Her experience also includes serving as the Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services at Cook County School District 130; Dean of Students, District Staffing Coordinator,

St. Christopher School Year Round Preschool Starts in August

St. Christopher School at 14611 S. Keeler Ave. in Midlothian is offering a variety of preschool options for the 2014-2015 school year starting in August: half-day mornings five days per week, full day five days per week, nine or 12 month school year. They also offer a before-school and after-school extended day child care program from 6 am thru the day until 6:30 pm. The preschool program, called the Academy, is for children ages 3 and 4. Curriculum includes language arts, math, science, social science, religion, social activities, block building, home economics and crafts.

St. Christopher School offers a formalized tuition assistance program of need-based scholarships. Applications are online and awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

St. Christopher School was founded by the Franciscan Sisters in 1924, and the preschool staff is Early Childhood Education certified. Call (708) 385-8776 or visit www.stchrisschool.org for more information.

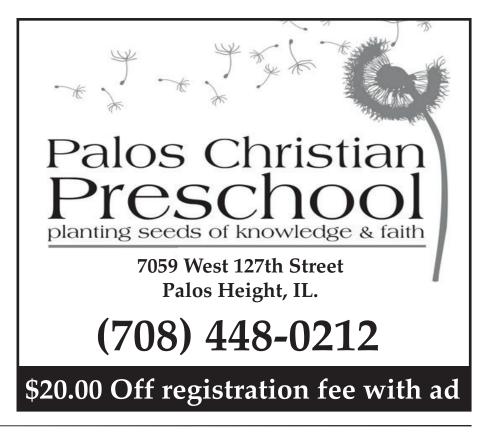
Resource Teacher, Special Education Teacher and School Social Worker at Homewood-Flossmoor High School; and a Clinical Coordinator and Assistant Principal at Infinity School of Chicago. She began her career as a Family Worker for Two Rivers Head Start in Elgin. Later she served as a Mental Health Professional Counselor and Team Leader at Linden Oaks Hospital while concurrently serving as a Case Manager at Community Economic Development Association. She was the first Crisis Intervention Coordinator employed at Cook County School District 130.

In her eight years of district-level administrative experience, Dr. Halliman has garnered skills in facilitating systemic change throughout the district; financial management of multi-million dollar budgets; School Improvement Planning; facilitation of strategic planning sessions; expert level understanding of the Response to Intervention requirements; curricular mapping process; development of research-based instructional strategies and staff development programs; management of staff and budget on state and federal grants; and special education and school laws.

Dr. Halliman's education includes a Doctorate of Education from Loyola University Chicago, a Master of Science in Special Education from Dominican University, a Master of Social Work from Aurora University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Northern Illinois University. She has served in a number of service and community organizations including the Saint Xavier Educational Advisory Committee, as an Executive Director, Board Member and Consultant at Youth First Connections, Inc., and is an annual contributor to the Robbins Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. She has held memberships in professional organizations as well, such as the Women's Network of School Administrators, Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education, Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Council for Exceptional Children, and the International Honor Society in Education, Kappa Delta Pi. She has presented sessions addressing disproportionality, adversity and data-driven decision making, transportation and various special education topics.

A resident of Frankfort, Dr. Halliman has been married to her husband Collin Halliman, a financial advisor, since 1998. They have three children. Dr. Halliman enjoys reading and attending her children's various sporting events.

Cook County School District 130 serves nearly 4,100 students at 13 school sites. The district serves portions of the communities of Alsip, Blue Island, Crestwood and Robbins.



Nathan Hale Reading Program

This year at Nathan Hale Middle School, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade reading teachers are starting a summer reading program. We are asking each family to acquire a copy of the novel "The Giver" by Lois Lowry for their middle school student(s). The novel will be required reading as each grade

level will begin the year with a project that relates to the novel. Novels can be purchased at any local bookstore or online through Amazon, or rented from your local library.

It is our hope that this reading will enrich your child's learning experience as well as keep him or her engaged and learning-centered throughout the summer months. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to working with you and your child throughout the 2014/2015 school year!

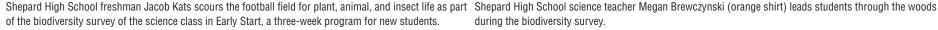
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's upcoming reading teacher: 6th grade reading, Ms. Denise Stone; 7th grade reading, Ms. Ryan Evers; 8th grade reading, Mrs. Jennifer Battistoni; and Reading Coach/Read 180 teacher, Mr. Tyrone Norvell.

Location:

5220 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL 60445 Phone: (708) 385-6690 | Fax: (708) 385-2417

Early Start Freshmen Survey Biodiversity of Shepard Grounds







during the biodiversity survey.

The day after another heavy rain, Shepard High School freshmen snaked single file along the marshy forest floor in search of life. They would learn what most never realize: that Illinois features great plant, insect, and animal variety.

The lab, part of the Early Start science component taught by Megan Brewczynski and Laura Schroeder, required teams to find and record evidence of the biodiversity. They scoured the areas immediately in front and back of school, the football field, and the woods to the southeast of Shepard.

Brewczynski and Schroeder also planned a number of other labs and activities that the time constraints of the regular school year do not

Students debated the Vaquita porpoise and its endangered status. Some students were assigned to argue for the protection of the porpoise, while others were assigned the role of fishermen who work off Baja California.

"Fishermen often catch the porpoises in their nets. The porpoises often drown because they cannot get back up to the surface. The point of

the debate was to have students weigh the importance of biodiversity against the importance of earning a living," Brewczynski said.

They also played a game that allowed students to create a bird and plant community that would survive multiple disruptions by man-made and natural occurrences.

"This exposed the students to the idea that biodiversity can be impacted through human and nonhuman activities and that both species number and the number of individual organisms are important in maintaining a stable community," Brewczynski said.

Early Start brings incoming freshmen to Shepard for three weeks in July. The program features components in English, math, science, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) areas.

"The kids have been great. Many of them were anxious about meeting new people, finding their way around school and the academic demands of high school. They become more confident every day and are clearly comfortable here. I have heard them discus how it's nice to get back into a mini-routine before school starts," Brewczynski said.

Safety tips for parents



Back to school tips for parents and Caregivers Your child's safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.

Look out for buses pulling out - watch for wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous moves like U-turns and three-

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road can be dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.

It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the curb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school Plan your trip to school so you are using pedestrian crossing areas where possible.

Always hold your child's hand up until the age of eight. Young children need your help to spot danger like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk to your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

- Stop one step back from the curb.
- · Look for traffic to your right left and right again.
- Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic.
- Think whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Back to School Tips

Though you can still say we're in summer until the Fall Equinox on September 23rd, August is the month of transitioning back to school. The Crestwood Adviser would like to recommend some measures to take to better prepare both parents and children for the school year. The National Safety Council, www.nsc.org, recommends these tips:

- Practice walking the route to school with your child.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.

Riding the Bus

- If your child and you need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are at least 12 feet ahead of the bus. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the driver so he or she is aware since he or she may not be able to see you.

Backpacks

- Ask your child to wear both backpack straps to evenly distribute the weight.
- A backpack should weigh no more than 10 to 20 percent of your child's body weight.

We wish you a happy, productive school year!

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take part in some of the fun. Lynn Kata, a Zumba dance and fitness instructor, got the crowds moving during one intermission while performers serenaded the crowd.

At one point, Mayor Gerald Bennett from Palos Hills presented a jacket to Dick Biondi on behalf of the South Suburban Mayors in tribute to his many years of service to the Chicago area and his willingness to lend his name to many great causes over the span of his more than 60-year career.

The "Battle in the Burbs" is hosted each year by Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta and each year the number of sponsors participating has grown along with the participants. This year, WLS Radio, ComEd, Fanning Communications and the Windy City Thunderbolts sponsored the event while many other organizations and businesses showed their support with donations and volunteer activities.

In addition to corporate sponsors, dozens of area residents volunteered their services to help out during the game, and all concessions were open and available to participants who enjoyed a truly home game under beautiful skies. According to officials from both sides of the battle, plans are already being laid to meet again next year with the Mayors vowing to adopt a new strategy to make the game even more lively for visitors.







Left to Right: Judge Tom Carroll, Judge Jesse Reyes, Special Olympian Nick Lorenz, Mayor Sharon Ryback (Midlothian), Judge Chris Lawler



Volunteers were on hand to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois.



Dick Biondi, 86, climbed to the top of a Crestwood Fire Department hook and ladder truck.



Mayor Gerry Bennett of Palos Hills drives in another run for BigHitters.



Dick Biondi and Crestwood Trustee Theresa Flynn



Cappella singers from Mother McAuley High School sang the national anthem WLS was one of the sponsors this year.



Chicago South

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BINGO THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6PM

Bingo is Back Starting **Monday September 8th**



St. Christopher School - GYM 14611 South Keeler Midlothian, IL

Doors Open 5:00 pm, Early Birds 6:30 pm, Regular Games 7:00 pm

For more info call (708) 388-8190

Vineyards and Wineries in Illinois

Illinois is now home to over 450 vineyards and 100 wineries as of 2014. The winemaking process was introduced to Illinois in 1778 by French settlers in the Peoria area, which is home to Illinois' first winemaking



press and vault. Illinois is the 4th largest state in wine production, according to www.illinoiswine.com. The Owl Creek, Alto, and Ponoma Valley Wineries created a Shawnee Wine Trail in 1995. Illinois enlists about six types of grapes suited for our climate, all producing different notes of plum, cherry, oak, apple, pear and melon.

State Wines Tasting - August 8th-17th, 2014 - Noon - 10 pm Illinois State Fair - Springfield, IL - Located in Twilight Ballroom More info: (217) 726-8518 | www.agr.state.il.us

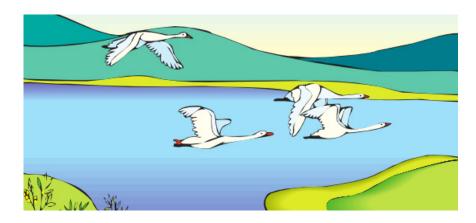
Irish Cultural Camp - August 5th-7th

Focus will be on Irish sport, dance, music, art, language, drama, mythology, storytelling, history and much more! Open for children aged 6 to 14 years.

Location: At Chicago Gaelic Park. Event start at 9:30am and ending between 2:30 and 3pm Cost \$70 per child, \$5.00 discount for additional siblings. Includes lunch & snacks. Facebook announcement here: https://www. facebook.com/ChicagoGaelicPark

Lake Katherine

Staff at Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens in Palos Heights gives talks on a variety of nature-based topics and can visit schools, institutes, or groups within 10 miles of Lake Katherine. Presentations typically last one hour but can be catered to your needs. There is a flat fee of \$100. Choose from the following list of topics: Ecotourism, Native Plants of Illinois, Evolution: A to Z, Attracting Wildlife to Your Garden, Chicago's Waterways, Restoration Techniques and Common Prairie Plants, Weather Watching, Dragonflies, Butterflies, Aquatic Invertebrates, Glacial Past of Chicago, Hibernation, Fish of the Great Lakes Region and Common Chicago Birds. For more information, contact **Gareth** Blakesley at (708) 361-1873 or gareth.blakesley@lakekatherine.org.



Alsip Park District Dance and Dive

Friday, August 8th, 8pm-10pm

Meet up with your school friends this summer at a teen dance at the Alsip Aquatic Park! Proper swim attire is required and no outside food is allowed. Concessions will be available for purchase such as pizza, nachos, chips, candy, and soda. The doors will open at 8:00pm and you will not be able to leave until 10:00pm unless specially requested by a parent. Everyone will be required to get out of the pool at 9:45 pm but you may dry off, dance to some music, or chat with your friends for that last 15 minutes. The locker rooms will be available for use but the Alsip Park District is not responsible for any damaged or stolen property. Please bring a lock if necessary. Pool passes may not be used on this night. Tell your friends and don't miss the fun! For more information, contact the Alsip Park District at 708-389-1003 or go to www.alsipparks.org.

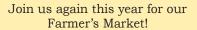


Italian Festival - August 14th-17th

Festa Italiana has music on four stages, Italian cuisine, a local artisan market, and the Momsay Kids Stage on W. Taylor Street at Ashland. More information at chicagofestaitaliana.com. Hours are Thursday and Friday 5 pm-11 pm, Saturday noon to 11 pm, and Sunday noon to 10 pm.

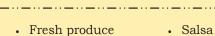
Oak Forest Park District

Farmer's Market 2014



The market will run every Saturday 7:00am - 12:00pm, May 31st through October 11 in the Oak Forest Metra/CVS Parking Lot on the corner of 159th St. and Cicero Ave.

Keep in mind, due to the time of the season some produce isn't typically available until the 1st week in July.



- Herbs
- · Flowers Honey
- Homemade
- Jams

Soaps

- · Health & Wellness products
- · Baked Goods
- Cosmetics
- Jewelry
- · Craft Items

Be sure to keep an eye out for special events and happenings at the market.

To kick off the season we will have face painting and tattoos for children on May 31st!















Millie Haas, Biela Center Volunteer



Biela Center senior Millie Haas was recognized for her seven years of service to seniors at an Age Options luncheon in June. For 40 years, Age Options has recognized outstanding seniors who volunteer around Chicagoland. She was nominated by her peers, Biela Center Senior Director Carol Jurka, and Crestwood trustee Theresa Flynn.

Millie has volunteered her time and energy to her peers by calling bingo and offering them rides so they can go to doctor appointments, go shopping and run errands. While Millie has racked up some mileage in years and gas, she still manages to make time to be a compassionate friend and

valued member of the Biela Center senior community. She enjoys traveling, theatre, sports and going to the beauty salon. "Getting out keeps you young," she says.

"We do what we can for each other," Millie says. After Millie retired in 2007, she says she met two ladies at a beauty shop, Bertha and Eva Jean, "regulars" at the Biela Center. "Bertha and Eva Jean volunteered me...and I enjoy every moment of it," Millie says. Millie, 75, has two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her motto is: "Keep smiling and no one will know what you're up to."

Thank you for your commitment to our senior community, Millie!

Flu Shots offered at the Biela Center October 2nd

Once again flu shots will be available at the Biela Center on October 2nd. The pharmacists from Welgreens in Crestwood will administer the shots between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. No appointments are necessary.

The shots are free for qualified Medicare Part B recipients. Cash customers will pay \$31.99.

Medicaid participants are also covered by the program.



Village & Biela Center Happenings

Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

For more Information 708-371-4860



Look What's Cooking!!!

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Friday, August 1 Italian Sausage Tuesday, August 5 Beef Sandwich Friday, August 8 Hamburgers Tuesday, August 12 Brats on a Bun Friday, August 15 Corned Beef Sandwich Tuesday, August 19 Chicken Tetrazzini Friday, August 22 Dessert Meatball Sandwich

Tuesday, August 26 Friday, August 29 Sloppy Joe

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$3.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

August 4-8 "Mary Poppins" "Space Buddies" August 11-15 August 18-22 "Oklahoma" August 25-29 "Grease"

Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.

Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

- *Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, two, or three times a week.
- *Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.
- *Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.
- *Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.
- *Free blood pressure and hearing screenings are offered every month.
- *Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860.

Sorry....No refunds can be made

We've often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

CASINO TRIPS

When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!

Blue Chip Casino

Enjoy a beautiful summer day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes four hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 of E-play after 1,000

When: Thursday, November 6th Depart: 9 a.m. - return 4 p.m.

Grand Victoria Casino October 8th

Join us a day of gambling in Elgin at the Grand Victoria Casino!!!

When: Wednesday, October 8th Depart: 9 am; return 4pm \$27 (Includes buffet)

Call to make your reservations NOW!!! This trip will up

Shipshewana

Join us for a fun-filled day in Shipshewana, Indiana. We will start the day shopping at the Midwest's Largest Flea market. Then on to various shops - E&S Sales, Yoder Popcorn, the Cheese Factory and the Amish shops at Essenhaus Restaurant. Trip is sure to fill-up fast!!!!!

When: Wednesday, September 10th Depart 7:30am; return 7:30pm Time:

Cost: \$62.00 (Includes transportation and dinner-lunch

is on your own)

"Fair Oaks Dairy Farm"

Visit the dairy museum with over 60 interactive exhibits. Experience dairy in a whole new way. Absorb the farming lifestyle at one of the modern working farms. Sample some of the award-winning cheeses. Witness the miracle of life at our Birthing Barn. Shop for cheese and various souvenirs in the gifts shop. Have lunch at the Dairy.

When: Thursday, September 25th Depart 9:00am Return 5:00pm Time:

\$67 (includes transportation, tours and lunch)

"Camelot" - Drury Lane Theatre

Camelot is a valiant Broadway musical that will transport audiences to the magical and mythical days of medieval England. King Arthur, Queen Guenevere, Sir Lancelot and Merlyn come alive in this exciting tale of love and chivalry. This classic production features a lush, romantic score including "If Ever I Would Leave You", "Camelot", and "Follow Me".

When: Thursday, November 20th Depart 10:30am Return 4:30pm Time: \$74 (includes trans., lunch and show) Cost: Menu choice of Tilapia or Roast Pork

Eat Your Way Through Chicago

Spend the day exploring Little Italy, Greek Town, China Town, and Old Town. Shop in China Town, Have saganaki in Greek Town, taste authentic Polish-European pastries in Old Town and visit Old Town Oil and the Fudge Pot.

Sign up soon-this trip will fill up fast!!!!!!!!! When: Thursday, August 21st Time: Depart 10:00am; return 5:00pm Cost: \$60.00

MYSTERY IN THE MANSION

We will meet at the "Town Meeting" at the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet for a fun-filled, light hearted, personalized package where guests unknowingly become entangled in an intriguing web of drama and suspense. Will YOU become the victim, suspect or-THE KILLER???

When: Thursday, October 16th Depart 11:00am Time:

Cost: \$72 (includes transportation lunch & show)

Rules of the Road Here on October 20th

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver's license exam. Topics include written, vision, and road

When: Monday, October 20th, 2014 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860.

Golfer's Tee It Up September 15th at MAYOR PRESTA'S 19TH ANNUAL SENIOR OPEN

Crestwood seniors 55 and older are invited to test their golfing skills at Hollywood Park at the annual Senior Open.

The outing will take place on Monday September 15th from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Everything is free thanks to Mayor Presta and the good friends at Hollywood Park.

Registrations are being taken at the Biela Center, or register by phoning the Biela Center at 371-4860.

The Beverly Hillbillies

All of your favorites from the beloved 60's TV comedy are back-and this time they're singin'!! When oil is discovered on Jed's land he becomes an overnight millionaire and the whole clan moves to Beverly Hills. See this hilarious musical at the Theatre at the Center in Munster, Indiana.

When: Thursday, August 7th Time: Depart 11:00am

Cost: \$72 (includes transportation, show + lunch - choice of Roast Pork or Chicken Epicurean)

"A Christmas Memory"

A Christmas Memory chronicles a young boy's friendship with his eccentric relatives, including his cousin and best friend-Sook. The misfits are inseparable. It's a festive tale whose songs celebrate the simple pleasures of country life, friendship and the joy of giving during the Christmas season.

When: Wednesday, December 10th

Time: Depart 11:00am

\$72 (includes transportation lunch & show Choice of Cost:

baked chicken or pork chop)

Cost: The Theatre at the Center (Munster, Indiana)

Attention Seniors!!!

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents...

Consider joining a fun Group. Please call the membership chairperson, Sophie Horvath at 385–7760.

Also, the Biela Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet at the Biela Center on the second and fourth Monday at 12:30 pm. Call the Biela Center for more information.



"Starbucks says they are going to start putting religious quotes on cups. The very first one will say. 'Jesus! This cup is expensive!"

— Conan O'Brien

- REMINDER -

Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign-up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips. - The Biela Center

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA **CENTER OFFERED ON AUGUST 27th**

Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, AUG 27th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

HEARING SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER ON **AUGUST 27th**

Bruce from the Audible Center for Hearing Excellence will be here on Wednesday, AUG 27th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to conduct hearing screenings and to clean and service hearing aids. This service is free for seniors only.



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Sleepover Safari **August 22nd 2014**

Ages 6 and up (1 Adult w/ every 5 children)

A zoo is a zoo 24/7 and now you can get a glimpse into what happens at Brookfield Zoo at night. Join us for a fun-filled nocturnal adventure, with spaces available for families and groups.

In the evening enjoy a pizza dinner and fun craft activity and ice cream social, then go on a wild night hike that highlights zoo residents and nocturnal Illinois wildlife. The next morning, wake up to a hot breakfast buffet, a morning hike and visit an animal exhibit, where you'll see your craft given to some of the animals.

This program is for ages 6 and up, with a ratio of one adult to five children. The cost for members is \$60 per person (\$70 per non-member) which includes all food, parking and admission to the zoo the following day. Scout groups call 708-688-8473 for group discounts.

> 9/26, 10/3, 10/17 and 11/7 6:15 pm- 9:30 am Sleep on carpeted floors in Discovery Center. Parking: Discovery Center Lot

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McDonald's Grand Re-Opening **August 20th**

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Crestwood Fire Department 2014 CPR Classes



Village Hall 13840 S. Cicero Ave 6:00-10:00 pm

August 5th September 4th October 1st **December 3rd**

Healthcare Provider Heartsaver AED Healthcare Provider Healthcare Provider

Cost: **Healthcare Provider**

Resident \$35.00 Non-resident \$45.00 Heartsaver

Resident \$25.00 Non-resident \$35.00

All students must be registered with Village hall prior to day of class. Classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

Bill Nyhanna-CPR Coordinator 708-371-4805 bill@nyhanna.net

Business in the Spotlight: Back in the Game



Back in the Game, located at 13229 S. Cicero in Crestwood, is a family-owned business that attempts to make customers and employees feel like they are a part of their family. The business opened in 2010 as a repair shop that focused on video game, tablet, computer and phone repairs. Two years later, they expanded to a full retail store expanding the products and services in Crestwood. They wanted to give local customers another choice where they could buy, sell, repair and trade in old games, hones, tablets and computer products.

The store carries one of the largest selections of classic and modern video games and accessories from Atari to PlayStation 4. Their pricing on used items is very competitive and affordable. Whether it's that rare, hard to find retro game, that obscure gaming console, or the latest Call of Duty game, they have it waiting for you!

In addition to having the largest selection of new and used video games and systems, they also accept trade-ins on video games, game consoles, phones, tablets, iPods, and much more. Trade in classics for the hottest titles. Back in the Game offers the option of store credit or cash on trade-ins. If they do not have a particular game in stock, they will special order it at no charge.

Back in the Game also offers events such as parties, video gaming tournaments, and special midnight releases for hot gaming titles such as Call of Duty.

Their goals are to maintain the highest quality standards for their products, to provide the best customer service possible, and to promote an inclusive workplace and help the community.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to service a great community in Crestwood as the Mayor and Village has been wonderful to work with over the years," said owner Rommy Abdallah.

"Like" their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ BackInTheGamevideogames to get 10% off any game. Check out their website at www.bitgrepairs.com or call them at 708-385-GAME(4263).





Lincoln Exhibit Opens at Tollway

Illinois tourism and tollway officials opened a new exhibit July 28th at the Chicago Southland Lincoln Oasis in South Holland - "Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America."

The exhibit at the oasis along the Tri-State Tollway includes eight booths that will tell residents and travelers some of the story the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield presents - photos, facts and replicas of artifacts including an ax he used to split wood and his signature stovepipe hat.

This "mini museum" is another way Illinois can promote its heritage and the powerful impact of President Lincoln. This year is also the state's third consecutive year of record-breaking tourism. In 2013, the state hosted nearly 105.7 million visitors — up 4.5 percent from 2012 — who generated \$2.6 billion in revenue. In Cook and Will counties, tourists spent \$21.7 billion, which fed \$519 million into local towns and accounted for 196,000 jobs, according to Garrett. Kristi Lafleur, executive director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority said that 150,000 vehicles pass the Lincoln Oasis every day.

Jen Hoelzle, deputy director of the Illinois Office of Tourism, and Jim Garrett, president and CEO of the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau, brought the idea to life with the partnership of the Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

Abraham Lincoln impersonator Vernon Risty helps South Holland Mayor Don DeGraff (left) and other officials cut the ribbon for the opening of "Abraham Lincoln: Self Made in America" exhibit opening at the Chicago Southland Lincoln Oasis, Monday, July 28th, 2014, in South Holland. | Gary Middendorf/for Sun-Times Media

The exhibit will remain at the Lincoln Oasis through the summer of 2015. State officials hope it will generate interest in the Springfield museum, where new exhibits are being planned for next year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's assassination and the end of the Civil War.

New Summer Hours at Nature Centers

We are excited to announce NEW hours at five of our six nature centers this summer, June 1st through August 31st!

Nature center buildings will be open Tuesday through Sunday, from 9 am to 4:30 pm, and closed Mondays.

Nature Center grounds will be open from 8 am to 5 pm daily.

NEW! We've also added special EVENING hours on Thursdays! Through the summer, nature center buildings and grounds will stay open until 8 pm.

NOTE: At Sagawau Environmental Learning Center all hours will remain the same. Seven days a week, the building will be open from 9 am to 4 pm; grounds will be open from 8 am to 4 pm.



Got Article Ideas?

Crestwood Adviser welcomes suggestions for articles - stories about residents, local events, random acts of kindness, and more! Please let us know what you think should be covered in your Village newspaper by emailing us at info@crestwoodadviser.com, calling Fanning Communications at (708) 293-1430, or bringing a hard copy submission to the Village Hall at 13840 S. Cicero Avenue.



August Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

The Discovery of Magic

William Pack, the "Chicago Magic Expert" cracks open his magic history scrapbooks to reveal a secret world of colorful characters and amusing adventures. Prepare to be amazed as we travel through time and discover the history of magic. Free to all! Saturday, August 2 at 1:00PM

10 Healthy Reasons to Eat Chocolate

Special guest speaker Sue Roulo will give you 10 reasons why it's good for you to eat your favorite dessert! Samples will be given. Please register as space is limited. Monday, August 11 at 6:00 PM

Access to Care

A representative from Access to Care will be available to speak to those who are looking for affordable healthcare options, but fall under the poverty level, are not eligible for Medicare or Medicaid, or have a family income level 133% over the federal poverty guidelines. Please bring the following items for registration: Proof of address, proof of income, proof of citizenship.

e-magazines are here! e-magazines are now available on our website through Zinio

Tuesday, August 12 from 2-4:30pm

Adult Computer Class

Need some one-on-one practice with your computer skills? Sign up for a 45 minute session with one of our librarians on select Fridays during the month! Please call for available times and topics

Medicare Seminar

Have questions about Medicare? Gary Tarnopol will be here to answer your questions during this one hour session. Monday, August 18 at 6:00PM

Has your family added their name to our book shelves?

What a great way to support our library! Books on our Library Mural are available for purchase starting at \$25.00. All proceeds go to support the library general fund and are a great way to commemorate any event happening in your home!

Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org or call 708-371-4090 for all program details



Shepard Students Recycle Your Used Vegetable Cooking Oil

Students from Shepard High School are collecting used vegetable cooking oil that they will convert to biodiesel fuel as part of an after-school and weekends program. Please bring only used vegetable oil, not motor oil or animal fat oil, in sealed containers to the Crestwood Public Works building at 14040 S. Kildare Monday through Friday, 8 am to noon. For more information, contact Mr. Brian Sievers at Brian. Sievers@chsd218.org.

Summer Pet Supply Collection for Animal Welfare Animal Shelter



All cat and dog supplies, especially all dry food canned cat food and cat litter, as well as dog & cat toys, towels and blankets are needed.

Bring all donations to the library from June 9-August 2, 2014

Stop in for a complete list of items needed





August Events at Crestwood Public Library

Youth Programs

Back to School Read to the Dogs

Children can get ready for back to school by practicing their oral reading this summer by reading to therapy dogs,
Piranna-Banana & Birdie, from Therapy Dogs International.
Grades K-5 welcome. Register at the Front Desk.
Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 5:00pm.

Brown Bag Movie

Bring your lunch to the library and watch a movie.
Friday, August 22 at 12:30pm
Ages 4 and up are welcome
Popcorn will be served

Lego Derby

Calling all LEGO racers!
Come to the library to build LEGO
chicles and race them down our track.
Monday August 18, at 1:00pm
Ages 6 and up.

Back to School Pajama Party

Children ages 4-9, come to the library in your PJ's to hear stories, play games, and make a back to school craft.

Tue. August 19, 2014 from 6:00-7:00pm

Space is limited.

Rainbow Loom Crafts

Kids bring your rainbow looms to the library to learn to make all sorts of backpack charms and school accessories.

Saturday, August 23 1:00-2:30pm.

Grades 2 and up.

End of Summer Reading - Pound Puppy Party!!

Calling all summer readers. Celebrate your hard work this summer at our Pound Puppy Party on Thursday, August 7th from 5-7pm.

Come enter our raffles, enjoy snacks and fun activities.

Noodles the Wonder Dog will perform at 6:00pm.

Sorry, summer reading families only.

Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for details.

Fun & Entertainment *Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

FREE CLASSIFIED **ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!**

CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS

are invited to place free advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

Garage Sales Lost and Found Large Appliances **Automobiles** Motorcycles **Boats and Trailers**

NON-RESIDENTS AND AREA BUSINESSES

can place classified advertisements for goods and services for just \$5.00 for twenty words under the following categories:

Garage Sales Appliance and Electronics Sales

Transportation (Cars, Boats, Motorcycles) Homes for Sale or Rent **Apartments for Sale** or Rent

Employment Openings Jobs Wanted

To place your classified ad call 708-293-1430

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 – 9, without

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July **Sudoku Solution**

9	4	3	7	2	5	1	6	8
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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Tools - sockets, wrenches, etc. Call John at (708)

Wooden Bunk beds, twin on-top, full on bottom. Assembly required. Go Kart - Like New - needs a coil. Call Nancy at (708) 769-5724.

FOR SALE

\$450.00 or best offer. Call Nancy at (708) 769-

FOR SALE

seat, good condition \$30.00. Call Arlene at (708) 385-0357.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE + FREE ITEM

Crestwood's very own ongoing strip,...

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1997 Chrysler LHS located Low Milage \$1,400. FREE Brick fireplace burning logs. Call Al at

Pooltable/pingpong combo w/accessories 5724.

24" purple Sierra Quest 15 speed, good condition \$50.00. White wooden rocker with a birch

American Girl Doll "June" and Thumbelian Doll special Edition. Both are new in box. \$90 each. Call Marilyn at (708) 371-0619.

(708) 597-1927.

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1 Negative battery terminal

- 6 Phonograph record
- 10 Pressure unit
- 13 Holistic theory 15 Part of a foot
- 16 Point

July

Crossword Solution

SCAM BORE

L E G G S J O H A N N

S|R|I| H|A|D | C|O|W|L

 $A \mid L \mid A \mid N \mid W \mid E \mid D$

URGES

A D I E U

LIRAS

INERT

ACROSS

M A G N A S I S

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POPLAR NUBBY

REF WASP

L I E D S O A P

- 17 Deflects
- **18** Thousand (abbr.)
- 19 Rascal
- 20 Meshes
- 22 Middle East country near Turkey
- 24 Totals
- 26 Potter's oven
- 28 Restaurant
- 29 Cain killed him
- 30 Chop
- 31 Beverage
- 32 South by east 33 Tasting like game
- 34 Alternative (abbr.)
- 35 Edible white root
- 37 Disconcerted
- 41 Old-fashioned Dads

- 42 Data transmission rate
- 43 Cutting tool

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CAIRO

- 44 Cast away
- 47 Jargon
- 48 Twofold
- 49 Santa call (2 wds.)
- 50 Beach finding
- **51** Steering gear
- 52 1st year players 54 Hold it there
- 56 Unpaired
- 57 Butterfly's cousin
- 59 Commotion
- 63 Sadness
- 64 Unmixed
- 65 Advil's competition
- 66 Distress call
- 67 Adagio 68 Gone With the Wind's
- Mr. Butler
- 1 Expression of surprise 2 Winter mo.
- 3 Bullfight cheer

- 4 Full skirted dress
 - 5 Painter Richard 6 Morse code dot

39 Student's dread

42 Disallow

45 Voodoo

48 Scarcity

51 Renown

53 Pixies

55 Buzz

58 Chop

61 Pose

44 Casts away

47 Cuban leader

50 National capital

60 Bard's before

62 Trinitrotoluene

40 New Jersey's neig

46 Brand of frozen do

- 7 Puff
- 8 Detest
- 9 Friend
- 10 Wounded
- 11 Likening
- 12 Harm 14 Mountain Time
- 21 Spend less
- 23 Alters
- 24 Father
- **25** Stag
- 27 Stiff
- 29 Viper
- 30 Pulpit
- 31 Attired
- 33 Chew 34 Connect
- 36 Phantom
- 37 Root beer brand (3 wds.)
- 38 Drag
- 39 Student's dread







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JOB LISTING

Employment Opportunities at Elim Christian Services

We are always looking for good people who want to equip people who live with disabilities to answer God's call on their

- Paraeducator: 60+ college credits or Paraprofessional Cert Required
- Church Relationship Coordinator
- Administrative Asst. for Related Services/School improvement-part
- Director of Facilities and Transportation
- DSP/Instructional Assistant

To be considered for employment, please complete the employment application online at www.elimcs.org/careers. Please submit the application via email, mail or fax. Please no phone calls & avoid dropping off your application in person. Send applications, resume and other

materials to hrjobs@elimcs.org or fax to (708) 293-2354.

Employment Opportunities at Moraine Valley Community College

User Support Engineer (Full-Time)

Under the direction of the User Support Services Manager, the User Support Engineer is responsible for both 1st and 2nd level end-user support for custom and microcomputer applications in a networked environment.

Education/Experience:

Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field required; one to three years in an end-user computing environment; must have demonstrated analytical ability to logically approach problems; Microsoft, Apple, and/or Cisco certifications preferred.

Qualifications: To be considered for employment, please complete the employment application online at www. elimcs.org/careers. Please submit the application via email, mail or fax.

Review of Applications Begins: 08-12-2014

Coordinator of Testing Services - Search Re-Opened and Revised (Full-Time)

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Testing Services the Coordinator is responsible for the facilitation, implementation, coordination, and administration of the academic and college placement testing services provided by Testing Services.

Education/Experience:

Bachelor's degree with a major from Liberal Arts, Science, Business or related field; a minimum two to three years of work experience in higher education, preferably in testing. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills and working knowledge in computerized testing software, and other pertinent educational computer software

Qualifications: The User Support Engineer makes recommendations for Help Center technologies.

Review of Applications Begins: 08-6-2014

Apply online: www.elimcs.org/careers Learn more and apply for these postings and others online at jobs.morainevalley.edu.



Wednesday, August 6th at 9 a.m. South Holland Community Center 501 E. 170th St, South Holland

Hosted by

South Holland Business Association, Senator Napoleon Harris and Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy

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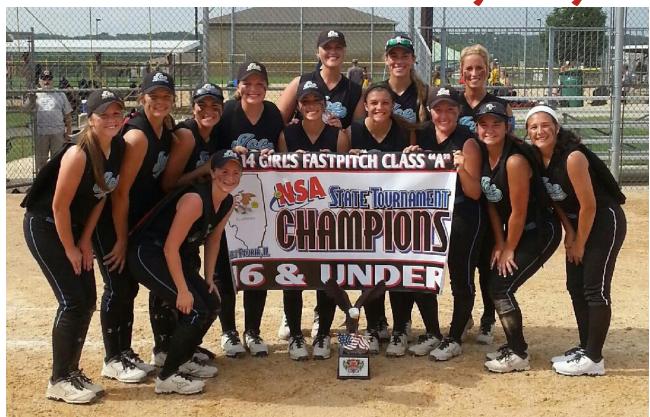
ThunderBolts Upgrade Standard Bank Stadium Scoreboard

Good news for Windy City ThunderBolts (independent; Frontier League) fans: the team and the Village of Crestwood are funding a new scoreboard/video board which should be fully operational by July 21.

The 13-foot-high, 22-foot-long HD video board will have full video capabilities, including instant replay. This structure will be the first major improvement to the stadium since it opened; the current scoreboard dates back to 1998, when the park first opened. (Fun green fact: the new video board is much larger than the old scoreboard and will still consume 30 percent less electricity.) The ThunderBolts were one of three teams in the Frontier League that did not have a video board, and Standard Bank Stadium was also the only minor league ballpark in Illinois that did not have a video board. The structure is being paid for by an increase in village hotel taxes and advertising dollars raised by both the ThunderBolts and the Village.

SPORTS

Crestwood Windy City Ice Softball



Windy City Ice Fastpitch 16U Blue won the Illinois National Softball Association state tournament in July

Crestwood's Windy City Ice Fastpitch 16U had a very successful 2013 campaign, taking fifth in the nation at the ASA "A" Northern Nationals Tournament. Looking to build on their success, the blue team headed into their fall season. They played three successful college exposure showcase tournaments in which they were able to show off their skills to college softball recruiters. They also played in front of the University of Kentucky's coaching staff and Head Coach Rachel Lawson, on a collegiate field, which was a great experience. They also made a team trip to Bradley University to meet assistant softball coach Chris Malveaux, who gave the team a first class visit of the University. The young ladies have been working very hard in the classroom and on the field to fulfill their lifelong goal of playing college softball. The team finished their fall season by taking second place at the PGF regional qualifier, going 7-1 to start the 2013-14 season.

Throughout the winter, the girls trained four days a week, sharpening their skills for the upcoming summer season. Thanks to the new Rosemont dome, the girls were able to play in 16U and 18U open tournaments. They took second place in each, raising their record to 15-3.

Come spring, the girls all went to play for their respective high schools. All their hard work and dedication helped these girls in their high school

careers. When high school softball ended for the girls, Ice Fastpitch began an incredible summer season. Right off the bat, the girls started their winning ways by taking first in the PGF Big Bash Summer Classic and earning a Midwest regional bid. In their second tournament, USA/ASA 16U, a national qualifier, the girls once again placed first and earned a bid to Salem, Virginia.

The following week, the girls went to Miami University Ohio for team camp to show their skills off to the Redbird's Head Coach Clarisa Crowell; while doing that they placed first again. The weekend of June 20th, the girls traveled to Rockford for the USSSA state tournament. The girls faltered a little bit losing their first game in bracket play but proceeded to win six straight games, all by slaughter rule, to get to the championship game which they ended up losing 4-3 to take second place. With a bad taste in their mouth, the girls headed to East Peoria to play in the NSA state tournament July 4th through 6th. The girls had a chip on their shoulder and went after the title with vengeance going undefeated and bringing home the state title. Next was the ASA Metro state tournament, which is one of the most prestigious tournaments in the Chicagoland area. There was no stopping the Ice that weekend as they went undefeated again to take the 2014 Chicago Metro Championship.



Back row from left to right: Skylor Hilger, Jenna Haase, Samantha Berghoff, Lauren Stoch, Natalye Johnston, Annalisse Scott, Rachel Alcott.Front row left to right: Alyssa Kolecki, Lexxie Lux, Taylor Sterkowitz, Erin Schaffrath, Breanna Graffeo, Keagan Helson



Alan B Shepard's Skylor Hilger & Breanna Graffeo

The weekend of July 17th through the 19th, the girls participated in the fifth annual DiDi Memorial College Exposure Tournament in Lemont. Between the Chicago Metro Championship and the DiDi College Exposure Tournament, the Windy City Ice blue team attracted more than 32 colleges to watch them play. St. Xavier's has signed three of the 2015 girls to continue their education while participating in their top softball program.

At this point in the season, the girls have earned a record of 49-9 for the summer and 78-20 for the 2013-14 season counting College Exposure. They will be participating in the PGF Midwest Regional Championship and then will be heading to the ASA/USA National Championship in Virginia.

Lady Astros Track at State

Congratulations to the Lady Astros who set 3 new school records at the State Meet held May 23rd and 24th. Courtney Dalton is Shepard's first All-State Performer since 1997. She ran the 300m hurdles race in 45.04 seconds, 8th best for the state.

Carwash for Ultimate Athletics South's **Special Needs Cheer Team**

There will be a car wash fundraiser for Ultimate Athletic South's special needs cheer team, Jades, on Sunday, August 24th from 10am to 2pm at 5415 West 127th Street in Crestwood. The \$5 car wash proceeds will help send the team to the national cheer competition in Atlanta, Georgia, in February 2015. For advanced ticket sales, call Sharon at (708) 935-0370.